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Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT (37 CFR 1.111)

In response to the office action mailed on November 9, 2000, Applicant amends the claims as follows:

In the claims:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A centrifugally cast tube comprising creep resistant alloy, [which alloy either

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a) comprises the following constituents in % by weight as indicated: carbon, 0.1-0.5; chromium, 20-35; nickel, 20-45; niobium, 0-2; silicon, 0-2; tungsten, 0.5; additions, 0-1; and the balance containing iron; or,

b) has a mean 100,000 hour stress rupture value of more than 6 Mpa at 1000°C, and] ; said tube [has] having an internal profile which is non-circular, such that, in cross-section, the length of the internal profile is at least 10% longer than the circumference of the smallest circle which encompasses the entire profile.

Please add the following new claims.

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